

**REMARKS**

Further to the Amendment filed July 6, 2009, attached hereto is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Izumi Shinya (Declaration).

The experiments described in the Declaration provide further evidence that the heat-resistant coating agents recited in claims 15 and 25, which do not include a fluorinated alkyl group, possess superior characteristics relative to polydimethylsiloxane copolymers including a fluorinated alkyl group. Specifically, the coating agents recited in claims 15 and 25 are superior in appearance, film forming properties and compatibility.

Resin solutions 1-4 of the Declaration correspond to Embodiments 5 and 6 of Kazuyoshi. Resin solution 5 of the Declaration corresponds to Resin solution 12 of the present application. Table 1 of the Declaration summarizes the composition of these resin solutions.

Tables 2-4 show the results of evaluations of the appearance, film forming properties and compatibility of Resin solutions 1-5 of the Declaration, respectively. The data presented therein clearly demonstrates that exclusion of the fluorinated alkyl group from an alkyl group to be contained in the polydimethylsiloxane copolymer improves the appearance, film forming property and compatibility of the coating agents.

**Conclusion**

The evidence presented in the attached Declaration further supports Applicants' arguments presented in the Amendment filed July 6, 2009.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 Of Izumi Shinya

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